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1. BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD NOW DISCUSS THE IDEA OF EX-
PANDING DONOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE GOE. WE WOULD HOPE
PRIME MINISTER SALIM MIGHT PLAY A ROLE IN THIS EXERCISE AND
THEREFORE THAT HE COULD BE THE SENIOR EMBASSY CONTACT ON
THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, GIVEN FAHMY'S SENSITIVITY ON DEAL-
INGS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, WE LEAVE IT TO THE EMBASSY'S
DISCRETION WITH WHOM TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL. IN OUTLINING
PROPOSAL TO THE EGYPTIANS, YOU SHOULD TRY TO ASCERTAIN
FIRST THEIR INTEREST IN THIS NEW UNDERTAKING AND THEIR
INTEREST IN PLAYING THE LEAD ROLE IN SUCH AN EXERCISE. YOU
SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS WITH THE EGYPTIANS THE QUESTION OF
TIMING AND POINT OUT OUR PREFERENCE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER AN
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE IMF BEFORE WE TALK WITH
POTENTIAL NEW DONORS. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD TRY TO FIND OUT
WHAT COUNTRIES THE EGYPTIANS WOULD SUGGEST AS PRIME CANDI-
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DATES FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND FOR WHAT COMMODITIES

THE CREDIT TERMS MIGHT BE MADE SOFTER.

2. WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY'S FEAR THAT THE TIMING OF THIS EXERCISE COULD EASILY BE DELAYED AND DRAGGED OUT AWAITING AN IMF AGREEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF MONEY WILL BE INVOLVED FROM THESE COUNTRIES AND THAT POLITICAL SUPPORT WILL BE THE MAIN RESULT. AWAITING THE IMF AGREEMENT SHOULD HELP DENY RELUCTANT DONORS THE EXCUSE OF EGYPT'S POOR ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR BOTH OURSELVES AND THE EGYPTIANS TO MAKE A GOOD CASE FOR REQUESTING SYMBOLIC ECONOMIC AID FOR EGYPT.

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